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SUBJ: GDR PRESS ATTACKS U.S. ACTIVITY IN DIEGO GARCIA

1. IN ITS MARCH 10 EDITION, THE EAST GERMAN
COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) ATTACKS THE
RECENTLY CONCLUDED US/UK AGREEMENT ON DIEGO GARCIA. THE
ARTICLE, DATED NEW DEHLI, ACCUSES THE U.S. OF MOVING
AHEAD WITH A THINLY-VEILED PLAN TO ESTABLISH A MAJOR
IMPERIALIST BASE IN THE SOUTH-ASIAN AREA, INCLUDING
FACILITIES FOR SUBMARINES, AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND
STRATEGIC BOMBERS.

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2. THE GROWING STRENGTH OF NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA COUPLED WITH THE BALANCE OF POWER SHIFT TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE IMPERIALISTS CAUSED THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO KEEP THIS "ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSPIRACY" SECRET, ACCORDING TO ND. THE U.S., THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, IS TRYING TO PRESENT THE WORLD WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI ON DIEGO GARCIA, A DEVELOPMENT OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO INDIA. PRIME MINISTER GANDHI IS QUOTED AS WARNING OF THIS "THREAT FROM THE HIGH SEAS."

3. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE REFLECTS THE PRO-SOVIET REACTION TO THE EXISTENCE OF, AND PLANS TO EXPAND, THE U.S. INSTALLATION ON DIEGO GARCIA. U.S.

INTENTIONS ARE LABELED A "SLAP IN THE FACE" TO THE 1961 UNGA RESOLUTION TO TRANSFORM THE INDIAN OCEAN INTO A ZONE OF PEACE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ARTICLE POINTS UP BREZHNEV'S RECENT DECLARATION BEFORE THE 25TH CPSU CONGRESS DISCLAIMING ANY INTENTION TO ERECT MILITARY BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND CALLING ON THE U.S. TO ASSUME THE SAME POSITION. THE APPEARANCE OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE GDR PRESS FOLLOWS EARLIER PUBLICITY HERE OF THE SAME TENOR.COOPER

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